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Senate Bill No. 462

Senate, March 20, 2008

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR PHYSICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-10c of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 Any person who practices medicine for no fee, for at least one
5 hundred hours per year at a public health facility, as defined in section
6 20-126l, or in connection with a mobile health clinic that provides
7 health care services to individuals of this state, and does not otherwise
8 engage in the practice of medicine, shall be eligible to renew a license,
9 as provided in subsection (b) of section 19a-88 of the 2008 supplement
10 to the general statutes, without payment of the professional services
11 fee specified in said subsection (b).

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	20-10c
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PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Loss	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

A physician who volunteers at least one hundred hours per year in connection with a mobile health clinic, and does otherwise practice, would be eligible to renew his or her license without having to pay a fee, effective 10/1/08. 15,827 individuals currently hold physician licenses; they pay a licensure renewal fee of \$450. The number of additional individuals who would avail themselves of the retiree license cannot be determined in advance. However, for comparison purposes, should one percent choose to do so, an annual revenue loss of approximately \$71,100 would result.

Since the bill is effective 10/1/08, the first year revenue loss would reflect partial year implementation.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 462****AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR PHYSICIANS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows doctors who work for free in a mobile health clinic to renew their licenses without charge if they do not practice medicine anywhere else. Doctors who provide at least 100 hours of free service a year in a public health facility (e.g., hospital, community health center, nursing home, mental health facility, group home, school, or public preschool) and do not practice medicine anywhere else are already exempt from the \$450 license renewal fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/10/2008)